

FEMA Awards State of Vermont Over \$3.3 Million For COVID Testing Costs

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BOSTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$3.3 million to the State of Vermont to reimburse it for the costs of providing testing for the public during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$3,336,115 in Public Assistance grants will reimburse the Vermont Agency of Human Services for the cost of using staff and contractors to provide COVID-19 tests statewide between December 2020 and June 2022.

One grant of \$1,268,260 will cover the costs of purchasing and distributing 217,050 COVID-19 antigen tests between January and May 2022.

A second grant will provide \$2,067,855 for performing 114,251 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and antigen tests at state buildings and public facilities for state employees and visitors; state-run correctional facilities for inmates, staff, and visitors; public and non-profit schools; non-profit long-term care facilities; and public and non-profit summer camps between December 2020 and June 2022.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the State of Vermont with these costs,” said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. “Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and our success as a nation.”

FEMA’s Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency. So far, FEMA has provided more than \$441 million in grants to Vermont to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.

